

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 19 and 20 are added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are objected to. Claim 1 is identified as forming the basis of the objection. Claim 1 is amended responsive to the objection. Please note that "brake" is describing an action, not hardware. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,290,310 to Kusano. For at least the reasons discussed below, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kusano describes a brake pressure control device in which the target wheel cylinder hydraulic pressure is calculated based on the larger of the pressures in the first pressure chamber PC1 and the second pressure chamber PC2, as measured by pressure sensors PM1 and PM2 (Col. 6, lines 21-24 and 45-49). The largest pressure is chosen and used as the target wheel cylinder hydraulic pressure.

Kusano fails to disclose, *inter alia*, a control device that decides a target control value for controlling the braking device based on an operation state amount and an operation state of the operating member, wherein the control device includes an operating direction-dependant target control value deciding portion that determines a relationship between the operation state amount and the target control value based on the operation state of the operating member and uses the determined relationship to set: an increasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force increasing direction, or a decreasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force decreasing direction to values different from each other at least in part of a control range, as recited in

amended claim 1. For at least these reasons, Kusano fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in claim 1, as well as 2 through 18, which depend therefrom. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Kusano also fails to disclose or suggest all the feature recited in new claims 19 and 20.

Kusano fails to disclose, *inter alia*, a control device that decides a target control value for controlling the braking device based on an operation state amount of the operating member and that controls the braking device based on the decided target control value, wherein the control device includes an operating direction-dependant target control value deciding portion that sets, based on a first predetermined relationship between an increasing direction target control value and the operation state amount of the operating member, the increasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force increasing direction, and sets, based on a second predetermined relationship between a decreasing direction target control value and the operation state amount of the operating member, the decreasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force decreasing direction to values different from each other at least in part of a control range, and the first predetermined relationship is different than the second predetermined relationship, as recited in claim 19 and as similarly recited in claim 20.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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